Loans to tannery owners

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Kothandaraman wants this to be taken up tomorrow.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is only a statement. I shall answer supplementaries even to-day.

MR. SPEAKER : Since the Hon. Sri Venkataraman is leaving Madras to-day and will not be available here tomorrow, the question will be answered to-day and I shall allow one supplementary on it.

* 350-E *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of owners of the tanneries who applied to the Government for loans from 1951 to 1957 (districtwise);

(*b*) the number of persons to whom loans were granted; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : வட ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் உள்ள தோல் பதனிடும் தொழிற்சாலேச் சொந்தக்காரர் ஒருவர் இத் தொழிலுக்காக சர்க்காரிடம் 50,000 ரூபாய் கடன் கேட்டிருக்கிறுர். 50,000 ரூபாய் கடன் கேட்ட அவர் 2 லட்ச ரூபாய் பெறுமான ஸெக்யூரிட்டி கொடுக்க முன்வந்திருந்தும், அவருக்குக் கடன் மறுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இவர்களுக்குக் கடன் கொடுப்பது சம்பந்தமாக "இன்டஸ்ட்ரிஸ் போர்டு" சர்க்காருக்குச் சிபாரிசு செய்கிறது. அந்த போர்டில் சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்களும் தொழில் அதிபர்களும் அங்கத்தினர்களாக இருக்கிறுர்கள். அந்த போர்டு ஒரு சட்டபூர்வமான (ஸ்டாசுடரி) போர்டு. அது செய்யும் சிபாரிசுப்படி சர்க்கார் நடக்கிறது. பிரஸ்தாப நபரைப் பொறுத்த வரையில், அந்த போர்டு கடனுக்கு சிபாரிசு செய்யவில்லே என்பதைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

Electricity workers

* 350-F *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Negotiating Committee constituted to go into the question of electricity workers submitted its recommendations;

(*b*) the details of the recommendations; and

(*c*) how far its recommendations have been implemented?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) *to* (*c*) The Negotiating Committee submitted an interim report to Government in April 1958. The Committee recommended the grant of an interim relief to the workers of the Madras State Electricity Board with

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 328 infra.

over one year of service, at the rate of Rs. 4 per head per month with effect from 1st January 1958 excluding those who are drawing more than Rs. 200 a month.

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee with the following slight modifications :—

(i) Interim relief was not granted to Junior Engineers and Supervisors;

(ii) staff of clerks, accountants, peons and other categories were granted interim relief subject to the condition that they will not claim any of the concessions that may be extended in future to the non-gazetted employees of the Government from time to time ; and

(iii) the relief was given for a period of six months commencing from the pay earned from 1st March 1958.

The report of the Committee containing its final recommendations is awaited. Time till 29th September 1958 has been granted to the Committee for submission of its final report.

Transport workshop

* 350-G *Q.*—SRI S. A. ANNAMALAI ODAYAR (on behalf of Sri T. S. Ramaswamy Pillai : Will the Hon. the Minister for industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any site has been fixed up for the Transport Workshop to be built up in Nagercoil;

(*b*) whether the site has been acquired or purchased by the Government; and

(*c*) if so, the price or the rate of compensation and the extent of the land acquired or purchased?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Acquired.

(*c*) A sum of Rs. 45,000 has been paid for an extent of 14 acres and 26 cents acquired by the Department.

Plantation labourers

* 350-H *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether 500 plantation workers in the (1) Perinjur Palpurai Estate, (2) Poongulam Estate, (3) St. Mary's Estate, and (4) Thavalakkadu Estate in Palani Hills, Madurai district, have made representations to the Government authorities to get them reinstated ; and

(*b*) the actions taken by the Government Labour Department to help these workers?